

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A polarizing plate comprising a polarizing layer having a thickness of about 20 nm to about 1500 nm formed by rubbing at least one surface of a substrate, coating the rubbed surface of the substrate with an aqueous solution containing a dye having a tabular molecular shape, and drying the solution, wherein the dye having a tabular molecular shape coated on the rubbed surface of the substrate is oriented roughly perpendicular to the rubbing direction.

2. (original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution containing a dye is prepared by introducing at least one hydrophilic groups to the dye and solving the resultant dye to water.

3. (original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the dye is at least one dyes selected from the group consisting of an anthraquinone type dye, a phthalocyanine type dye, a porphyrin type dye, a naphthalocyanine type dye, a quinacridone type dye, a dioxadin type dye, an indanthrene type dye, an acridine type dye, a perylene type dye, a pyrazolone type dye, an acridone type dye, a pyranthrone type dye and an isoviolanthrone type dye.

Claim 4 (canceled).

5. (original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the substrate is a polyester resin film.

Claims 6-11 (canceled).

12. (currently amended): A liquid crystal display device comprising the polarizing plate according to ~~claims 1, 8 or 9~~ claim 1 is laminated on a liquid crystal cell with the polarizing layer being positioned closer to the liquid crystal cell.

13. (original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 12, wherein a front polarizing plate is placed on a surface of the liquid crystal cell opposite to the surface on which the polarizing plate is laminated.

14. (original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 13, wherein the front polarizing plate is the same as the polarizing plate placed opposite to the liquid crystal cell.